



YORKSHIRE

## Judges Reports – Spring 2018

### Category: - Small Village

#### Ledston

#### Silver

##### Overall Impression

Ledston In Bloom is starting a new chapter in its history, with a new team having very recently taking over the running of the group. They are enthusiastic and friendly, and have some good ideas of how to develop the In Bloom initiative. There's plenty of potential to enhance the village further.

Ledston was very clear and clean throughout, with lots of spring colour along the length of Main Street starting at the village entrance signs at either end of Main Street. The daffodils and Celandine make a wonderful display along Hall Lane up to Ledston Hall.

There is strong support for the In Bloom group from local businesses, in particular the White Horse pub.

##### Judges feedback on areas for consideration

- The planned walk/trail around the village could be further enhanced by including information and interpretation boards, and by including a wildlife trail.
- Consider working with the school or other groups (scouts/guides etc) to identify the native flora and fauna, to enhance and create habitat along the proposed trail.
- Consider investing in maintenance-free planters (with reservoirs) to be placed evenly along the length of Main Street.
- Aim for uniformity on the verges along Main Street, encouraging residents to all look after 'their patch'.
- Consider planting bulbs in the grass verges, a possible project in partnership with the school?
- Write a 5 year plan for the group, identifying future projects, realistic timescales and funding opportunities.



#### Mill Bank

#### Silver

##### Overall Impression

Mill Bank is a beautiful old mill village outside Halifax. Our initial impression was that there was very little scope for planting given the rural nature of the village and the high walls and steep walk ways. However as we walked round the village we were really impressed by the horticultural efforts being made in a whole variety of

private gardens and nooks and crannies around the village. The permanent planting schemes were particularly suited to the exposed nature of this village but pots and baskets also gave a nice blast of colour. Of particular note was the lovely selection of shrubs in the small garden at Dan y Coed showing a good range of year round interest in a small space. The gardens of the large house by the river had a good range of established perennials as did the churchyard. We look forward to seeing these sites again in the summer.

We were impressed by the range of food plants, herbs, fruit trees and soft fruit bushes which had been planted in small pockets and tubs around the village for people to help themselves.

The rural nature of the village lends itself to supporting the natural environment and there were a number of areas where the urge to be too tidy had been resisted allowing natural habitats to develop. This was particularly true of the riverside where there were some interesting native species and in the plants being encouraged in the wall tops and cobbles. Particular effort had been made to clean the roadways and remove moss from the cobbled areas to keep these safe and credit should be given to the people involved.

There was a huge sense of local identity enhanced by Peters knowledge of the history of the local area and supported by the Mill Bank Group who have funded three interpretative boards around the village. Lovely posters had been made by the local schoolchildren. The sound garden and quiet space in the school grounds were lovely and it would enhance the entry to see the school become even more involved.

Communication is very good, there is a regular newsletter and a support network in the village through email exchange. Funds are raised by production of a yearly calendar which is both sold and sponsored by the wider community.

We look forward to visiting again in the summer and to seeing what is planned for the future.

### **Judges feedback on areas for consideration**

- Pruning of the newly planted fruit trees should be planned. The RHS can offer advice on this.
- Look to dividing and planting up more herb tubs to give plants chance to spread.
- We would have liked to have more chance to interact with people who are supporting the In Bloom entry.
- A catalog of the native species and habitats by the river would be useful so that those maintaining the area are aware of what is in situ and plants and habitats are not lost.
- We would like to see information on where funds are coming in from, plans for future fundraising, upcoming projects and events and an idea of how you see the In Bloom entry developing.
- Seek to involve the local school in the development of their grounds.
- The combination of Gemmas enthusiasm and Peters experience and local knowledge give this entry a really sound base.
- Consider how to also involve the wider community to avoid the bulk of the effort being made by just a few individuals.



## Category: - Village

### Grassington

### Silver Gilt

#### Overall Impression

The bloom group carry out important work, in enhancing this village and supporting the tourist economy. They have brought most of the shops on board ensuring a very good community effort in promoting Grassington. The visit was assisted by it being the warmest day of the year, masking the difficult growing season that has added to the work load of bloomers..

#### Judges feedback on areas for consideration

- The densely planted bulbs in the tubs will be very effective when in flower and demonstrate how bulbs should be planted in containers.
- The snow drop display outside the post depot could possibly be improved if drifts were created rather than stand alone clumps.
- Consideration could be given to registering the footprint of the large tree that had been cut down as an ancient tree. This can be done by measuring the footprint and registering it with the Woodland trust, on their ancient tree register.
- The group is aware that when possible links will be reformed with children to the benefit of the community, this is a case of finding volunteers to carry out this work.
- Some reference to the environment would assist the assessment as this area was a little weak..
- Influencing those responsible for seat and footpath maintenance would be helpful as some seats needed attention and whilst everywhere was litter free, natural leaf litter was building up on some of the foot ways.
- The proposed wildflower meadow for the festival is a good opportunity to promote plants for pollinators.



### Upper Hopton

### Silver Gilt

#### Overall Impression

The Bloom Committee in Upper Hopton could not have asked for a better day to have their village judged. It felt that spring had arrived at last following a long hard winter. Spring colour could be seen throughout the village. The church yard had a splendid array of daffoills throughout its grounds and the old rose garden a blaze of colourfull tulips. Good to see mixed planting which the judges thought enhanced the beds. Work going on around the recreation ground and improvements throughout the entry coming along nicely. This is certainly a community effort. Despite restrictions in some areas with highway sight lines the group have come up with excellant alternatives which we thought improved the entrances a lot. Despite the long running gas works in the village

this did not deter the bloom committees from showing the judges some excellent private gardens. A very good spring entry

### **Judges feedback on areas for consideration**

- Judges picked up on vegetation at the base of walls around the rose garden and under seats.
- Litter on ground between car park and rose garden.
- Some colourful spring planting, but this could be developed further using a larger pallet of materials.
- Consider using single colours on some beds rather than mixed, which would contrast and complement the permanent planting and bulbs.
- Consider changing route around village a little and concentrate on central area. Don't go too far out of village.
- Walking the route prior to judging would have highlighted the weed growth in Croft House beds and around the paths and kerbs of the Rose Garden. This extended to many paths and road side along the village route.
- Consider a painting or preserving programme to the planters and barrels to keep them up to a standard.
- The judges understand that due to a long wet spring this has delayed the progression of spring work from the weekly working parties, but areas like In the children's play area, the grounds would be enhanced by the railings also having a coat of paint.

## **Category: - Urban Community**

### **Allerton Bywater**

### **Silver Gilt**

#### **Overall Impression**

Allerton in Bloom are a hardworking and dedicated team who work enthusiastically to improve the environment of their community). They are a very enthusiastic group with many interesting projects on the go.

They have provided a spring floral focus with extensive planting of mixed bulbs.

The miners memorial is so moving and demonstrates the pride the community has in its long and important mining history.

The allotment site is one of the best well managed sites the judges have seen.

The quality of planting and maintenance throughout the village is of a good standard.

#### **Judges feedback on areas for consideration**

- Next time the shrubs at the Staithes area are cut back consider chipping the pruning's which can then be re used.
- The suggestion that the grass in the park alongside the river should only be cut three times a year is in the opinion of the judges short-sighted, this area with all its history and proposed development is intended to be the gate way for visitors to stop and explore your village.

- The work being done at the recycling area is very good although attention needs to be paid to the weeds growing through the hard landscaped areas.
- The bollards around the grass area at the Recycling area could benefit from a coat of paint.
- The Recycling area in the future would benefit from the addition of a bench.
- The gardening of the railway embankment is very difficult due to its steepness
- Consider gradually introducing perennial ground cover planting especially nearer to the top to reduce the need of maintenance.



## **Beeston**

## **Gold**

### **Overall Impression**

The group were formed 21 years ago and Linda gave an excellent presentation at the start of judging indicating 21 ways the group had made a difference in Beeston. The group are to be congratulated in many aspects, horticulturally with the Millennium Garden, numerous planters (many recycled), barrier troughs and hanging baskets. The group have also taken over areas previously done by the local authority and replanted/maintained these. All areas were well maintained. The group have 74 hanging baskets all of which are sponsored for 2018 by local communities/businesses etc. They have 2 wild flower beds with a third planned for 2018 on Beeston Road forming a pollination corridor for insects. They have regular litter picks ensuring all is clean and tidy and have restored some of the street furniture. They have 4 plant sales each year to raise funds and have a very professional display with boards and pop-up banners for publicising the group at local events and they also have a face-book page. The beds at St Mary's Parish Church maintained by Joy and Brian were real eye-catchers and the restoration and planting of abandoned graves at the church is a wonderful idea. The grounds of Evans Property Company were very well maintained and planted. The group also work with the local school and other volunteer groups. Bug hotel, bird and bat boxes are made by the group.

### **Judges feedback on areas for consideration**

- The judges look forward to seeing the "love lock tree" in Cross Flatts Park and the new wild flower bed on Beeston Road.
- The project to install a roof garden on top of the containers at Cross Flatts Park will be watched with interest.

## Calverley

## Gold

### Overall Impression

Despite the very 'unspring-like' conditions the grey, cold and wet weather did little to detract from the group's enthusiasm as they continue to maintain their high standards. The judges were impressed by the excellent level of cleanliness and tidiness of the village and it was clear from the outset that there is a real pride of place within the community. Particular stand-outs for the judges were the very high standard of resident's gardens and their care of the grass verges in the Carr Hill estate- no ruts or tyre marks on these! They were also very impressed with the diverse areas of planting to encourage natural wildlife and the many hours of voluntary work undertaken at St. Wilfred's church, particularly by the two volunteers Norris and Mary.

The lovely perennial planting by the WI for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee provided a wonderful splash of colour against the grey walls of the park as did the camellias and mixed planting at Calverley Methodist Church

Also impressive is the inspirational work undertaken by the senior citizens on their gardens in Brookleigh with assistance from Volunteer Gardener Vince. We are really looking forward to seeing their gardens in the summer.

### Judges feedback on areas for consideration

- To add colour in early spring, perhaps consider planting crocus and other bulbs around the tree bases and in other areas of Victoria Park.
- To reduce maintenance, perhaps consider mulching the area under the wooded area at the entrance to Brookleigh.
- Consider planting more perennials and small shrubs to add varying height and textures in the beds in the park and in the square planters.
- Continue working with the Council on the unique Town Wells garden and consider siting an interpretation board for visitors.



## Cottingley

## Silver

### Overall Impression

The group are striving to make Cottingley a better place to live. At the Community Centre the garden has been transformed from an overgrown neglected area to a very pleasing garden with raised beds and hanging baskets and the centre is well used by the community both young and old. The planting of daffodils for the last 5 years (these now number 20,000) provide a colourful opening to the year and all the children at the school have planted bulbs. Two wild flower beds have been planted and these will be increased to three in 2018 and these being re-seeded annually will mean a good colour mix should be maintained. The development of the Community Orchard around Cottingley means this is now the longest community orchard in England, the trees have been increased from 60 to 92 this Spring and a further 51 have been grafted by the group for future planting and all pruning is carried out by the group. Linked with this is an Apple day in October which is

extremely well supported and companies eg Costa Coffee and Lloyds Bank have helped with planting. Communication with the community has been improved by the installation of notice boards which detail forthcoming events. The refurbishment of an old raised bed into a communal herb garden is an interesting new project. A "Tool Bank" run by the group is a good idea with this producing income from the hire charges but also giving the community the opportunity to carry out works they would probably not have tackled otherwise. There are communal re-cycling areas and barrels collecting rainwater for use on the raised beds etc.

### **Judges feedback on areas for consideration**

- The problem of loss of plants in the herb garden may be reduced if grit is added to the bed to sharpen drainage.
- Have the group thought of adding tulips to their bulb planting to give further colour and extend the flowering season?
- The judges look forward to the further development of the orchard and also the new Remembrance Garden adjacent to the school



## **Garforth**

## **Silver Gilt**

### **Overall Impression**

To the North East of Leeds sits the former mining town of Garforth. As you travel each arterial road leading through or past the town, you cannot fail to miss the stretches of daffodils which adorn the neat verges. Enhanced by a further 3000 bulbs planted this year, with the use of differing varieties to prolong the flowering season makes for a colourful display. The judges were taken on a condensed tour by Fiona and Phil, but met many of its member's, volunteers and friends of group, along the route. With over 100 planted displays the group are kept busy, and on judging day showcasing only a number of these to the judges on route. Despite a wet spring, the polyanthus and bulbs that adorned the beds and barrels show great spring colour, brightening up many areas with bold displays, and enjoyed by the community and passers-by. A good level of financial support and funding show that this group is clearly supported and appreciated by the residents of Garforth.

### **Judges feedback on areas for consideration**

- The entry would benefit from demonstrating an increasing of community awareness, with more active group publicity, use of media and promotion of the 'In Bloom' activities. Advertising that the group are being judged on a certain date actively engages the community in with your activities
- Encourage volunteers to focus on garden maintenance e.g. weeding and pruning – sculpting/pruning plants as required, removing dead branches and those showing reversion.
- Street furniture was highlighted by the group as needing a 'face lift' – re painting and preserving the barrels etc. before summer judging would enhance their appearance.
- Some lovely cheerful spring planting, but this could be developed further using a larger pallet of materials.

- Continue to develop the Rock gardens with the rocks suitably submerged rather than placed on top of the soil, but a nice touch was witnessed with the cobbles with messages for all to see.
- It would be good to meet some of the younger members of the town. If possible in the summer meet some of the school children, youth groups that the group have partnership workings with.
- Showcasing more of the group's natural environments that promote more biodiversity, protection of the environment and any conservation or recycling initiatives that the group participate in would raise the profile of the group.
- Promote Garforth within the community more widely (to include all ages) and enhance spaces to promote the concept of 'Garforth is a great place to live'



## **Holbeck**

## **Silver Gilt**

### **Overall Impression**

Holbeck in Bloom Group are to be highly commended in their efforts to create colour and interest to any available space be it in the form of plants or planters, Ground conditions may not be ideal in many locations but effort has been made to overcome these problems. They are bringing the history of the area to the fore with the Matthew Murray Trail and the excellent leaflet associated with this and they took 90 school children on this and all were given a copy. They also involve the schools in planting. The new sign and planting on Holbeck Moor will certainly increase awareness of the group. The community spirit which ensured the continuation of Holbeck Community Club is also to be commended. Regular litter picks ensure Holbeck is clean and tidy and the annual gardens competition creates further community involvement. The Joanna Project Secret Garden is excellent and a complete surprise with good planting and range of plants.

### **Judges feedback on areas for consideration**

- The judges look forward to seeing the development of the Matthew Murray trail with the interpretation boards at various locations.
- The development of the edible bed and the Community Orchard Project will add further to their portfolio.
- The proposed work with Ingram Court and the garden development at Venus Restaurant will add further interest.





## Starbeck In Bloom

## Gold

### Overall Impression

An impressive entry encompassing every element of community participation. On a very wet day the enthusiasm of the group was not diminished and the judges were suitably impressed with both the content and variety of the judging route. Special mention has to go for the ground breaking work and commitment of Chris 'Pirate Captain Rummage' for his work from Taylors Cone Exchange, an enterprise that truly deserves further recognition and success.

Bettys & Taylors tea factory also deserve praise for their well kept grounds & continued support.

A truly exceptional and forward thinking entry!

### Judges feedback on areas for consideration

- Regarding forward planning a recruitment drive for younger active members may be beneficial to take on some of the more manual tasks.
- Consider replacing some of the permanent planting in front of the Starbeck wheel so not to obscure the award plaques.



## Swillington

## Silver Gilt

### Overall Impression

The judges were welcomed by a very enthusiastic Swillington in Bloom team, who all work very hard for their village. They are all to be commended on their efforts in that everywhere looked clean, tidy and litter free in spite of the poor weather and roadworks etc.

Throughout there were good displays with very many attractive shrubs, other forms of sustainable planting, and additional seasonal bedding. The white tulips looked stunning on the sunny morning. The many spring bulbs and flowers were a joy to behold throughout. The church yard was very attractive in a sympathetic way with many good examples of environmental initiatives.

The area at the junction of Swillington Lane was beautiful and demonstrated all that "In Bloom" should be about.

The Mine Wheels at the entrances make a real statement indicating the important heritage of the area.

### Judges feedback on areas for consideration

- There appear to be many very generous sponsors who provide adequate funds, but it might be beneficial for the group to do some of their own fund raising. This would have the added advantage of raising the profile of the group and possibly attracting new members and sponsors etc.
- Planting schemes were good but somehow lacked the "wow" factor. Perhaps additional funding would make this more achievable to make a real impression when driving through.

- There was a lot of good horticultural practice but in some areas standards could be improved.
- Swillinton has got a lot of well documented heritage but perhaps future plans could include more evidence of this.
- The visit to the school was good but we will look forward to seeing what progress is made during the term.
- We will also look forward to seeing the progress on our next visit as we know you have got a lot of good plans for implementation. Consider a painting/staining programme to the planters /barrels keep them all of the same high standard until they can all be replaced.



## Woodlesford

## Gold

### Overall Impression

Woodlesford Urban community is set in a conservation area sitting on the banks of the Aire and Calder canal and river systems.

Although only a few miles from Leeds City Centre, with the prominence and work of the In-Bloom group, it has retained its own identity and sense of place.

The judges were impressed with the partnership working with the different groups e.g. CRT, Langdales, Pymont Estate & The Maltings areas all driven by a central cause to make this community a better place to live.

It was a joy to have a warm welcome and tour round and see all the green spaces well maintained litter and graffiti free, and overall cleanliness was very good. Considering the meteorologically challenging weather we have experienced Spring colour and design was evident at every corner with weed free troughs and beds/borders which were full of colour, with very good plant quality and selection with sustainable planting balanced well with the bedding, and the striking local stone form all themed throughout to link it all together and give greater impact.

The Gabion wall at All Saints Parish Hall not only looks amazing but provided a solution to a vandalism problem, well done.

All the signage and sponsors plaques were in good condition.

What a delight to have Jolly Giraffes children sing to us – thank you and hope the sunflower growing goes well.

We congratulate all those involved for their warm welcome, commitment and dedication to the community and we look forward to the summer judging.

### Judges feedback on areas for consideration

- The new beds by the school on Highfield lane has transformed the area, although mulched well we look forward to seeing the edges being finished in summer.
- The group are to be commended on your clear-sighted approach to both conserving and enhancing the natural environment. Consider where possible, emphasising and providing more information on the variety of wildlife and biodiversity, building on the

work you have already done e.g. survey on the variety of animal/birds, photos, and maybe opportunities for more interpretation/information boards.

- Woodlesford has such a rich historic interest once having a wide range of industrial activities such as the potteries, brewery & mining, the 'Bygone Days' information board promoted this, suggest ensuring that your heritage environment plays an important role in future developments. Consider where Gypsy Caravans were made at the Hooping Stone, the old packhorse route & Needless Inn site would benefit from an information board.
- To showcase the Hooping Stone more - include the outer cobble area in your weeding programme.
- We commend your on-going support and sponsorship from your local businesses, maybe consider undertaking some more of your own fundraising events to progress with some of your many future projects and gives an opportunity to highlight the work done, engage with the public and profile raising of WIB which would further strengthen your entry.
- Is it possible to find an area to show off your previous achievements? Maybe in a flowerbed to promote the WIB profile.



## Category: - Town

### Elloughton cum Brough Silver Gilt

#### Overall Impression

Elloughton cum Brough in Bloom are a hardworking and dedicated team who work enthusiastically to improve the environment of their two adjoining villages (now classified as a town). They have provided a spring floral focus in both centres, at the main entrance to Brough (Welton Road), as well as at other locations throughout the area including Myrtle Way play area, a green corridor which is clearly enjoyed by local residents. The use of daffodils in many areas provides welcome spring colour.

The group have many sources of financial support through local grants, sponsorship and fundraising events and take advantage of funding opportunities as they arise (eg recently McCarthy Stone). They have good links with local community groups and schools and are mindful of environmental and sustainability issues in the way that they operate and the initiatives that they support (eg Spindlewood Wood)

The group make effective use of their website, several noticeboards and the local newsletter to communicate with local residents

#### Judges feedback on areas for consideration

- It was pleasing to see the establishment of perennial plantings in many of the beds and planters. The three circular beds outside the pub might benefit from less reliance on

annual plantings (pansies) as regrettably the inclement weather of early Spring had resulted in a rather 'spotty' appearance.

- The Brough crossroads bed will this year reflect the upcoming Royal marriage and preparations are underway with the painting of street bollards in red, blue and white and the erection of a flagpole. The plantings in this area while undoubtedly colourful seemed to lack a degree of co-ordination or design with a mix of different coloured primulas, a few daffodils, some perennials and laurel hedging. This latter element to some extent obscured the commissioned statue of a Roman Soldier and might benefit from being lowered. This would also help any plantings in the central area of the beds which have struggled in the past.
- As mentioned previously, the group work well with the local community and are well supported financially as well as providing their support to like-minded groups. With the advent of much new housing in the area they might like to consider in the future some kind of family event (perhaps of a hands-on nature) to engage with new residents and possibly even acquire some new volunteers!
- Myrtle Way is a lovely area and the group are to be commended for the relocation of wildflowers rescued from other areas. The daffodils provided effective ribbons of colour throughout the area. Consideration might be given now to 'softening' the edges of the lines via additional planting/division of bulbs to create a more informal planting in keeping with the area.
- Some attention needs to be paid to tree pruning in various areas as pointed out on judging day.
- With the bad winter we have had there were a few dead plants around the route that need to be removed and replaced. One particularly stood out, a dead Hebe under the sign in front of the Pharmacy.



## Horsforth

## Gold

### Overall Impression

The judges thank the Horsforth in Bloom team for their very warm welcome and wonderful enthusiasm on a rather cold and damp afternoon, following a long, cold and wet winter.

The group consists of members with a variety of skills to demonstrate a strong sense of community and it was nice to meet a new member.

Although Horsforth is an urban area, the judges were impressed by the well planned route to show the three town centres at their best. The Community Orchard at St James Drive/Avenue is an excellent initiative to draw in the local community especially at the fruit picking time. The surrounding planting of over 1000 daffodils and tulips provides lots of Spring colour.

The shade tolerant plants chosen for the new bed at the Railway station are maturing and provide a lovely horticultural welcome for travellers.

There has been considerable effort to maintain the garden at the Central Methodist Church and the various varieties of grasses around the Horsforth Mosaic combine to provide an eye catching centrepiece outside the Brownlee Stone Centre.

Immaculate lawns, bright and colourful tiered beds are a credit to the gardener at the premises Bartlett group and this contrasts with the wonderful environmental friendly project

at the Burial Ground which is now a site for a cineraria which provides a peaceful resting place.

In summer the judges are looking forward to meeting some of the school children to see their colourful house bricks and bee friendly flowers; the Herb Garden project: the new beds at Emanuel Baptist Church and the summer displays particularly at the station and park.

#### **Judges feedback on areas for consideration**

- Consider planting two or three shrubs such as cornus (redwood) or Skimmia Rubella at the back of the bed, in front of the wall, to add winter colour and height.
- Consider increasing the width of the beds at the front of the Central Methodist Church Jubilee Garden and defining a larger central circle and planting with perennials and shrubs of varying heights and colours to attract insects and bees.
- Consider taking notes at the monthly meetings to publish on the website and formulating a Five year Plan.



## **Knaresborough**

## **Silver Gilt**

#### **Overall Impression**

Knaresborough is a historic market town which distinguishes itself from Harrogate with its black and white painted buildings all of which sit next to the river Nidd Gorge. The Town has a number of historic buildings which have been thoughtfully integrated into a modern town.

There appears to be good commitment from most Community groups to the town and in particular to the environment in the In Bloom Initiative.

#### **Judges feedback on areas for consideration**

- The work at the end of the station platform is a good start and could be extended further within the Station area.
- The Waterside Waterwheel was good to see but the area in general could be improved to complement the excellent work done on the Waterwheel.
- Knaresborough castle grounds were well looked after however a wider choice of planting and colour may improve the areas appearance.
- Aspin Pond was indeed commendable work in progress and much more could be made of this area in the future.
- Stockwell Allotments are clearly improving with the current management but there is a lot to be done in the future.



## Category: - Park, Gardens, Cemeteries & Public Buildings

### Falsgrave Park

### Gold

#### Overall Impression

Falsgrave Park, which is well used by local residents of all ages and their dogs, looked attractive and pristine, even on a dismal day. Stalwart volunteers, Dorothy and Dave, with team leader Ian showed me round the park which is on three levels and boasts a sea view and is at its best in Spring.

The park has retained its green flag status for 10 years. The many underground streams cause the topography of the area to change and there was plenty of interest with the well house used by Franciscan monks, a stone circle, lots of wildlife and even a mini public library in a specially constructed box with a living roof.

#### Judges feedback on areas for consideration

Detailed information boards are situated at all entrances and strategic points. There is good signage along the paths with information for routes for wheelchair users. Many activities and events take place such as nature days, Halloween and a daft dog show which are publicised on the park's notice boards, in local shops and social media. Renovations to a wall and the erection of new gateposts at one of the entrances have been carried out sympathetically. Funding comes from the council and events held in the park. There is a gated playground with a graffiti wall which is painted over each year. Plenty of bird boxes, bat boxes, managed brambles and wildflowers later in the year.

- Replanting of 8 trees is planned to replace the fallen ones which are being used to construct a stumpery.
- The benches and picnic tables are in good condition, the paths are well maintained and free from litter with plenty of litter bins and encouragement of the free dog poo bag service being set up.
- There is some sustainable planting at the entrances and perhaps the season could be extended by adding bluebells or other moisture loving plants.